

No. 6558	號八十五百五千六第	日四十月壹十年寅戊緒光	HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1878.	六拜禮	號七月三十英	港香	[PRICE \$24 PER MONTH.]
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## INTIMATIONS

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING  
DECEMBER 7TH, 1878,  
FIRST APPEARANCE  
OF  
MR. H. VERNON,  
SINCE HIS SEVERE ILLNESS.  
THEATRE ROYAL  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
THE OPERA SEASON BEING FINISHED  
BY JOHN ROLLIN

to announce that he will take  
**FAREWELL BENEFIT**  
 in Hongkong,  
**THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING**  
**DECEMBER 7TH, 1878,**  
 On which occasion will be produced  
 BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA  
**"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY"**  
 In Four Acts.  
 With all its Startling Effects.

MISS CLARA STANLEY  
(Who has kindly given her Gratuities to)

A S EILY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

HARDRESS CUGAN	MT. H. VERNON
DANNY MANN	MT. H. PHILLIPS
MYLES-IA-COPPALEEN	MT. J. ROLING
ANNE CHUTE	MISS B. DRAGO
(Who has kindly given her Gratuities to)	
MRS. CUGAN	MISS A. DRAGO
(Who has kindly given her Gratuities to)	
FATHER TOM	MT. PADDON
MR. COREGAN	MT. MACKING

SHELAN ..... Miss B. DRABO  
(Who has kindly given her Gratitude to Se  
BILLY O'CONNOR. MISS CL  
STANLEY  
HUNTERS, &c.  
The Celebrated Water Cave Scene  
produced in its entirety, with all its  
Stirring Effects.  
SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY  
ACT I.  
HALL OF TOMB GR

Act II.  
THE GAP OF DUNLOE.  
COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HILL.  
Mr. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRAGG  
introduce the Celebrated Mrs. MacGOW  
REEL.  
Act III.  
SCENE 1st.—EXTERIOR OF TOM  
CURRAN.

SCENE END.—MOUNTAIN PASS  
Interval of Five Minutes.  
SCENE 3RD.—THE CELEBRATED  
SCENE.  
ACT IV.  
THE MARRIAGE SCENE.  
GENERAL DENOUEMENT  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR ..... Mr. F. P. P.  
The Opera produced under the supervision of

Tickets to be had and Seats secured  
 Office of Messrs. KRUSE & Co.'s, where  
 of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
 Dress Circle or Orchestra } TWO DOLL.  
 Stalls }  
 Pit } ONE DOLL.  
 Hongkong, 7th-December, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

**THE Steamship "MORAY"**  
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for their Signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.**  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1878.

**FROM HAMBURG: PENANG.**

**THE Steamship**  
"FEEONIA"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Cons  
of Cargo are hereby informed that they  
are being landed at their risk into the G  
of the Undersigned, whence to from the V  
or Bots delivery may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on  
notice to the contrary to given before  
TO DAY.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Rule of Lading will be countersigned

SIEMSEN & A. gets.  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1878.  
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY  
CONSIGNEES per Company's  
"PATROCLUS"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being  
charged into Craft, "landed at the God-  
the Undersigned; in both cases it will  
Consignees risk. The Cargo will be re-  
delivered from Craft or Godown on and at  
2nd December, 1878.  
Goods undelivered after the 7th De-  
1878, will be subject to Rent.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1878.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGER  
MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargoes requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for counter signature and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUANT  
Acting Agent

" " ANDERSON "

117, 1st St. E. - 2 packages metal, from  
Ex "PERNO."

NMK (in diamond) } 145, Messrs. Aldrich  
VSC } mon & Co., from 1  
2 cases Military  
KJ (in diamond) } 10, Order, 1 case E  
LSC } thery, from London

JBS, 12, Order, 1 case Flaxman, from  
SJC, 889, Order, 1 case Merino, from London

Bombay, 8th December, 1878.







## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

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A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Amoy.—For *Kermadec*, to-day, the 7th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Hongkong, Amoy, and Foochow.—*For Yuen*, to-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Hobeow.—To-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Port Darwin.—*For Kilarney*, on Monday, the 9th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Cooktown, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—*For Mexico*, on Monday, the 9th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Bangkok.—*For Singapore*, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at 5.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**

The French Contre Post Packet "ANADYR" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 12th December, with Mails to the United Kingdom, India, and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 11th December.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT-Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 12th December.

7 P.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 P.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

**MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.**

The British Contraband Packet "GELBOCK" will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 14th December, with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burma, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on SATURDAY, the 14th December.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for the Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 20th December.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

5 P.M. Post Office closes except the NIGHT-Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 21st December.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes, except for Late Letters, Registry ceases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage, till

11 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet in advance of the closing hour.

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

**POSTAL NOTIFICATION.**

General Post Office, Hongkong, 9th July, 1878.

SIR.—An impression seems to have prevailed amongst the *Messaline* Community here that the correspondence from China for London when forwarded by the *Messaline* Packet is sent to London more quickly if directed *via* Naples than if sent *via* Marseilles.

I have pointed out to the senders (who have been misled by the agents) that their letters for the *Messaline* route that this idea is most probably mistaken. As, however, the French Post Office Agent whom I consulted could not speak positively on the point, I have the honour to request information from you, inasmuch as such a supposition that no time would be gained by sending correspondence or closed mails for London to Naples instead of to Marseilles.—I have, &c.

Postmaster General of Hongkong.  
J. Tilley, Esq., C.B., London.

General Post Office, London, 4th September.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 9th July last, No. 476, I beg to leave to inform you that the advantage would be gained by sending letters *via* Naples, instead of *via* Marseilles, the mails for England which you office made up for conveyance by French Packet.

As regards the closed mails, if letters landed at Naples, should reach London twelve hours sooner than if carried on by the Packet to Marseilles. Such being the case, I have to suggest that the mails in question should be addressed in future *via* Naples.—I am, &c.

Edw. H. REA.  
The Postmaster General, &c., Hongkong.

**POST OFFICE NOTICE.**

Mails for the United Kingdom, &c., by French Packet.

Under instructions from the London Post Office, the mails for the United Kingdom which have hitherto been forwarded *via* Marseilles, will henceforth be forwarded *via* Naples, as it is understood that a gain of twelve hours results from the adoption of this route.

As it would be extremely inconvenient to divide the mail and no practical advantage would result from doing so, all correspondence intended for the United Kingdom, &c., if sent direct, will be sent *via* Naples, even though marked *via* Marseilles.

An impression appears to prevail that correspondence for the Mediterranean stations, such as Malta, Sicily, Greece, Turkey, &c., can be forwarded only by British Packet, &c. can be forwarded also by French Packet, and if so forwarded generally arrives a week earlier than if it had been detained for the British Mail.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.  
General Post Office, Hongkong, Oct. 22, 1878.

**STAMP OFFICE.**

The above Office being now provided with 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Ret Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipts forms can also be stamped.

ALFRED LISTER, Collector.

Stamp Office.  
Hongkong, 19th July, 1878.

**POSTAL NOTIFICATION.**

Information having been received by His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy, C.M.G., of the entry of Canada on the 1st instant into the ranks of the United States, it is notified that from that date the postage to be charged on correspondence for Canada will be according to the rates in force for United Countries generally, and not the rates for the Postal Union, *via* Brindisi only, 15 Cents. Newspapers and Prices Current, 3 Cents; or *via* Brindisi, 4 Cents. Books and Stationery, 4 Cents; or *via* Brindisi, 5 Cents. The correspondence for Canada is sent *via* San Francisco unless specially otherwise directed.

By Command,  
H. M. Fox, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1878.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except the Barbadoes, St. Vincent, St. John, the Bahamas, and Haiti) for Porto Rico, Honduras, Mexico, Yucatan, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent *via* San Francisco.

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of The United States Ordinances 1876, which comes into force on the 1st of August.

Under the said Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not advertised, nor of departures for Canada or Mexico. Notice is now required of any departure, though sent to a safe port, and if not so notified will practically remain in force, that notice need not be sent unless for the said ports.

Section XXV. requires that the first notice be sent to the Post Office.

In the case of steamers plying regularly or on fixed days, notice of any change in the day or hour will be sufficient.

Steamship correspondence may still be sent on board any vessel after the Mail is closed at the Post Office.

The Postmaster General takes the opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that under the provisions of the Act of 1871, it is illegal to send the despatchment of a vessel or illegal. Consignee's letters are exempted by law from passing through the Post Office, but no vessel can be cleared until the required consular papers for transmission under a weekly or 24-hour pass which the practice continues to



